

Early Action Compact Milestone - June 2003 - Progress Report
Florence County

1. Document progress in developing stakeholder process, including, for example, roles and responsibilities of various stakeholder groups, list of stakeholders, brief summary of stakeholder meetings, stakeholder involvement in development of initial list of control measures, etc.

DHEC held a public meeting in Florence on October 8, 2002, to discuss the Early Action Plan (EAP) for the 8-hour Ozone Standard. Attendees included county representatives, local industry, the Sierra Club and the local newspaper. DHEC maintained a copy of the official sign-in sheet.

Florence County officials have attended/participated in the following meetings:

- a. February 3, 2003 – Early Action Compact (EAC) Meeting; meeting held at the Pee Dee COG; attendees included Pee Dee COG officials; other counties within the Pee Dee COG; the Sierra Club; and, SCDHEC
 - b. April 16, 2002 – A joint meeting was held with Florence County and Darlington County industry representatives.
 - c. April 29, 2003 – Ozone Awareness Event held at the Pee Dee COG
 - d. May 12, 2003 – meeting with DHEC staff to discuss the EAC and possible emission reduction strategies.
2. Report progress on evaluating and selecting emission reduction measures for the local control strategy.
See June 16, 2003 submittal *List of Emission Reduction Strategies Under Consideration*.
 3. Describe public outreach activities (press coverage, public presentations, websites, etc.)

Detailed in the attached report is a menu of potential ozone reduction programs. The first approach to achieving a reduction in ground level ozone is through a public and business awareness campaign aimed at ensuring that all citizens of Florence County, both corporate and individual, completely understand the ground level ozone issue.

At least three articles have appeared in the local Florence paper, the *Morning News*:

October 8, 2002 – “Pee Dee air quality not up to par of EPA”

April 28, 2003 – “Pee Dee counties added to ozone program”

April 30, 2003 – “Greater ozone awareness brought to Pee Dee”

4. Provide update on modeling/technical planning activities.
These activities are the responsibility of the state. Refer to the June 2003 Progress Report submitted by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Air Quality.

Refer to the June 2003 Progress Report submitted by SCDHEC for statewide activities.